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Trademark: EARTH BALANCE

BALANCE BAR COMPANY,

Opposer,

V.

GFA BRANDS, INC.,

Applicant.

Opposition No. 91212477

# OPPOSER'S NOTICE OF FILING OF JULY 30, 2014 CORRECTED CERTIFIED TESTIMONY DEPOSITION TRANSCRIPT AND EXHIBITS OF PATRICK CORNACCHIULO

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 2.125(c) and Rule 703.01(k) of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure ("TBMP"), Opposer Balance Bar Company hereby files with the Board, and notifies Applicant of, the corrected certified testimony deposition transcript and accompanying exhibits of Patrick Cornacchiulo, whose testimony deposition was taken on July 30, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 703.01(n) of the TBMP, the transcript has been corrected by writing each correction above the original text that it corrects, each of which has been initialed by Mr. Cornacchiulo. (An Errata Sheet listing the corrections has also been included at the end of the transcript.)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 2.125(e), 2.126(c), TBMP 703.01(p), and the Stipulated Protective Order, approved by the Board on February 20, 2014, the following testimony deposition transcript pages and exhibits have been designated as "Confidential" and are being filed with the Board under seal, under separate cover: Pages 7-11 and 17-36, Opposer's Exhibits 50-51, and Applicant's Exhibits 1-6.

Respectfully submitted,

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	2	PATRICK CORNACCHIULO,
	3	called as a witness, having been duly
	4	sworn by a Notary Public, was examined
	5	and testified as follows:
	6	MR. SCHROEDER: Please mark these
	7	documents as Opposer's Exhibits 50 and
	8	51.
	9	(Opposer's Exhibit 50,
	10	Coexistence Agreement, marked for
	11	identification.)
	12	(Opposer's Exhibit 51, E-mail for
	13	a Non-Copyright Notification Complaint,
	14	marked for identification.)
	15	DIRECT EXAMINATION
	16	BY MR. SCHROEDER:
	17	Q. Please state your full name for
	18	the record.
	19	A. Patrick Cornacchiulo.
	20	Q. Where are you currently employed?
	21	A. NBTY.
0	22	Q. Since you last testified on May
K	23	1, 2014 in <del>your</del> related Smart Balance
	24	proceeding, has your position and

responsibilities with the Balance Bar Company

1 Direct - Cornacchiulo 2 changed? 3 Α. No. 4 Q. The parties have agreed that we 5 can admit your earlier testimony from the related Smart Balance proceeding. That means 6 7 we will not repeat your earlier testimony. 8 Today we will focus on the additional 9 documents produced in these proceedings and 10 any additional facts not discussed in your 11 earlier testimony, okay? Α. Okay.

- Were business records and files transferred from Brynwood Partners to NBTY upon the sale of the company by Brynwood Partners?
  - Α. Yes.

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- Were these business records and files utilized and relied upon by NBTY in continuing the operation of the company?
  - Α. Yes.
- Did these business records and files include prior settlement agreements and cease and desist letters?
  - Α. Yes.

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2	Q. Let me show you what has been
3	marked as Opposer's Exhibit 50 (handing). Do
4	you recognize this document as one of the
5	business records that was transferred from
6	Brynwood Partners to NBTY?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. Can you identify this document
9	for me?
10	A. This is a Coexistence Agreement
11	with Abbott Laboratories.
12	Q. Thank you.
13	Let me show you what has been
14	marked as Opposer's Exhibit 51 (handing). Do
15	you recognize this document as one of
16	documents transferred to NBTY by Brynwood
17	Partners?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. Can you identify this document
20	for me?
21	A. It is an e-mail for a
22	Non-Copyright Notification Complaint.
23	MR. SCHROEDER: Thank you.

24 At this point, I would like to
25 mark the transcript for Attorneys' Eyes

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- 0. When you testified in May in connection with the Smart Balance proceeding, we spoke about GFA Brands. Let's expand on this. Do you currently consider GFA Brands to be a competitor of the Balance Bar Company?
- Α. I don't consider them a competitor in my space. Obviously, that's what we monitor. Health is our category in our section of the store, but we wouldn't be here if we didn't have --
  - Q. Why, to be specific --
- They currently don't make a product that is close to ours and we currently don't have a need to be close into their territory.
- Q. So, along those lines, if GFA Brands would begin selling nutrition energy bars, would you then consider them a competitor?
  - A. Yes.
- Do any of your competitors use the word balance in their trademarks?
  - A. No.
  - So, if GFA Brands would begin

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Earth Balance mark, do you believe that would

cause confusion in the marketplace?

A. Yes.

- Q. Explain your thinking as to why there might be confusion in the marketplace.
- A. We have a close-in style for our section, a type of product, based on how they describe their products, non GMO, what we call clean -- you know, simple ingredients and so forth in our bar category. Bare Bar launching, we have an old style, but we have a new type of bar that's out now that's even cleaner and so we are launching and shipping it and that's the type of bar that we would be targeting, a Whole Foods style customer -- you know, healthy, natural customer -- consumer -- sorry -- consumer based. So, I think there would be a close-in there on that type of product.
- Q. So, this new launch that you mentioned would be in stores at Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Natural Foods Stores?
  - A. Yes. We are sold in all

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channels, so it is our sales team's, you know, job to go fill those channels. Right now, Balance is in Whole Foods. It is in all of the natural sets in mass market even because expansion is growing everywhere, so natural sets are becoming a part of your mainstream, but we are in every channel at this point in time.

Q. How do you think consumers would react to seeing an Earth Balance nutrition bar, for example, let's say at Trader Joe's or Whole Foods?

MS. WILBERT: Objection to foundation.

MR. SCHROEDER: You can answer to the best of your ability.

A. If the bars are right next to each other, I think there could be confusion between the brands Balance and Balance Bar and Balance Bar and Balance Bar and Balance Bar If the brands are using similar health benefits and playing off the idea of some type of balance, so Balance Bar is not Balance like Balance Original. Balance Original is balanced on nutritional and

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Balance Bar is balanced on low glycemic. You can be balanced in several ways. Balance doesn't mean one thing. We center it around nutrition of some sort, but if you are centering some type of balanced nutrition, there can be confusion. It might be oh, this is a different bar for this reason because that's the way we always center the product.

Q. It could be due to an extension of the line or Balance line?

A. Yes.

MR. SCHROEDER: Let's take a five-minute break and we are just about done.

(Recess taken.)

MR. SCHROEDER: No further questions for me. Thank you for coming in this morning.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

#### BY MS. WILBERT:

Q. In your past depositions, you have given some testimony about sales information. I would like to start by talking to you about some sales information.

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2	A. Okay.
3	MS. WILBERT: Mark this as
4	Applicant's Exhibit l.
5	(Applicant's Exhibit 1, Balance
6	Bar's Responses to GFA's Second Set of
7	Interrogatories dated July 28, 2014,
8	marked for identification.)
9	(The following portion has been
10	deemed confidential and bound under
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Q. I refer to the Balance Bar

Trademarks at issue in this case. Do you

understand those trademarks to be Balance,

Balance Bar, Balance Gold, Balance Bar Gold,

Balance Bare and Balance Pure?

A. Yes.

- Q. Earlier today you testified about NBTY's knowledge of the Simply Balanced trademark. Do you remember that testimony?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Were you aware that in Balance
  Bar Company's interrogatory responses dated
  August 6th of 2012 in the Smart Balance
  opposition, that Balance Bar Company
  identified Simply Balanced as a trademark they
  were aware of?
- A. After -- yes, after the last deposition, yes.
- Q. So, even though NBTY was recently aware of the Simply Balanced trademark,
  Balance Bar Company through its previous owners did have awareness of the Simply
  Balanced trademark as of 2012?
  - A. Yes.

1 Cross - Cornacchiulo 2 And in 2012, did Balance Bar 0. 3 Company take any action with respect to Target's use of a Simply Balanced trademark? 4 5 I can't remember that document. 6 Sitting here today, are you aware 0. 7 of any action that the Balance Bar Company has 8 taken in connection with the Simply Balanced 9 trademark? 10 A. I don't remember any. I just 11 can't remember. 12 Earlier today you testified that 13 some documents were transferred with the sale 14 of the company. Do you remember that? 15 Yes. A. 16 0. Who were those documents 17 transferred to in the company? 18 A. They were transferred to -- they 19 were originally transferred to CMO. 20 Who is that? 0. H 121 A.

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And Latia Fischetti and Eric and then obviously as I took over, I have access to all of the documents too. I don't know which department actually received the documents first during the acquisition, but I

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know that a lot of stuff was reviewed, but I can't tell you exactly where they came to first.

- Q. Have you reviewed any documents regarding communication with Target involving the Simply Balanced trademark?
- A. Not prior to our conversation the last time, no.
- Q. What about after our conversation?
- A. No. I haven't heavily dug into the documents on this.
- Q. As part of your job duties, is it your responsibility to maintain the documents from the transfer or does that responsibility fall to someone else?
- A. It is not my job to maintain the documents, no and to be honest with you, I can't tell you who is responsible. I know we have a repository of documents, probably through a legal department where we put them, but I would have to find out whose exact responsibility that is.
  - Q. Those would be the same documents

1 Cross - Cornacchiulo 2 as the license agreement that we have 3 discussed in the previous deposition? 4 Α. Yes. Anything that's a legal document is stored. 5 6 And not your area? 0. 7 Yes, not my area, so I am not an 8 expert on that. 9 MS. WILBERT: Mark this, please, 10 as Exhibit 8. 11 (Applicant's Exhibit 8, Example 12 of the Earth Balance trademark as it is 13 used in connection with popcorn bearing 14 production number GFA EB002044, marked 1.5 for identification.) 16 0. I would like to switch gears and 17 talk to you about some of the Earth Balance 18 products. I am handing you what has been 19 marked as Applicant's Exhibit 8, which is an 20 example of the Earth Balance trademark as it 21 is used in connection with popcorn (handing). 22 I am giving this to you, so you have an 23 example of what the trademark looks like. 24 Α. Um-hum.

Q. Are you aware of any instances of

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actual confusion between Earth Balance popcorn
and any of the products sold by Balance Bar?

- A. No.
- Q. Are you aware of any instances of confusion between the Earth Balance peanut butter and any products sold by Balance Bar?
  - A. No.
- Q. Are you aware of any instances of confusion between any of the Earth Balance products and any of the products bearing the Balance Bar trademarks?
  - A. No.
- Q. Are you aware of any instances of confusion between any of the Smart Balance products and any of the products bearing the Balance Bar trademark?
  - A. No.

MS. WILBERT: Mark this, please, as Exhibit 9.

(Applicant's Exhibit 9, Picture of a Healthy Balance branded apple cranberry juice bearing production number GFA EB002210, marked for identification.)

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Q. I have just handed to you what has been marked as Applicant's Exhibit 9 (handing). Applicant's Exhibit 9 is a picture of a Healthy Balance branded apple cranberry juice; is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Exhibit 9 is another example of a third party using the word Balance in part of their trademark when selling products in a grocery store. Are you aware of any instances of actual confusion between Healthy Balance's apple cranberry juice and any of the products offered under the Balance Bar trademarks?

A. No.

Q. Are you aware of any instances of confusion between any third party that's using the term Balance in their trademark and any of the Balance Bar products?

A. No.

MS. WILBERT: Let's take a five-minute break.

(Recess taken.)

Q. Could you please take out Exhibit 4, please?

Cross - Cornacchiulo 1 2 Α. Sure. 3 Q. Within each category, it appears to me that the account names are in 4 alphabetical order; is that correct? 5 6 Α. Yes. 7 Their order has no reflection on 0. the revenues sold to Balance Bar; is that 8 9 correct? 10 Α. No. 11 MS. WILBERT: Mark this, please, as Exhibit 10. 12 (Applicant's Exhibit 10, 13 Trademark application for the Earth 14 Balance trademark in connection with 15 16 dried, ready to eat fruit and vegetable 17 bars, marked for identification.) 18 In your earlier testimony in the 19 Smart Balance opposition, you testified about 20 some enforcement efforts that you were involved in in regard to the records you 21 22 received. Do you remember? 23 Α. Yes. I am handing you what has been 24 25 marked Exhibit 10 (handing). Please confirm

1 Cross - Cornacchiulo 2 that it is a trademark application for the 3 Earth Balance trademark in connection with dried, ready to eat fruit and vegetable bars? 4 5 Α. Yes. This is an application for the 6 Q. 7 Earth Balance trademark in connection with 8 bars that was filed on January 26, 2005, 9 correct? 10 Α. Yes. 11 This application for Earth 12 Balance in connection with bars was published 1.3 for opposition on October 25, 2005, correct? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Balance Bar did not file a notice 0. 16 of opposition to oppose the application for 17 the registration of Earth Balance in 18 connection with bars, correct? 19 MR. SCHROEDER: Objection. There 20 is no notation on this document what 21 they did or didn't at this point. 22 MS. WILBERT: I agree. 23 asking the witness. 24 MR. SCHROEDER: If you know? 25 Α. I don't know.

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- Q. From the records that you have reviewed, do you have anything to indicate that Balance Bar did, in fact, file a notice of opposition?
  - A. I don't remember, no.
- Q. So, if there were to be nothing on record with the trademark office, it would be reasonable to conclude that Balance Bar did, in fact, not file an application in opposition with this trademark application, correct?
  - A. Yes.

MS. WILBERT: That is all.

 $\label{eq:mr.schroeder} \text{MR. SCHROEDER:} \quad \text{Just a couple of} \\ \text{questions.}$ 

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. SCHROEDER:

- Q. Can I ask you to pull out what was marked as Applicant's Exhibit 7, please.
  - A. (Witness complies.)
- Q. Just earlier you were asked about this document and you were referred to interrogatory responses which were filed by Opposer back in 2012, which listed the

1 Redirect - Cornacchiulo 2 trademark Simply Balanced. Do you recall that 3 earlier testimony? Α. Yes. 4 5 To the best of your knowledge, Q. 6 when did Target actually start selling bars 7 under the Simply Balanced mark? 8 Α. We were only recently aware. 9 came to our awareness last month or so. 10 Is it your understanding that 11 bars were actually being sold back in 2012? To my understanding, it was that 12 Α. 13 we don't think they were selling the bars that far back. 14 15 0. At that time, was Target also 16 using the Simply Balanced mark in connection with another name -- another brand? 17 18 Their original prime labeler was 19 Archer and then they would have a sub brand 20 underneath Archer. They had Archer as their 21 label. I don't know when they changed and 22 deleted the Archer. 23 MR. SCHROEDER: Thank you. 24 further questions for me. (Time noted: 10:30 a.m.) 25

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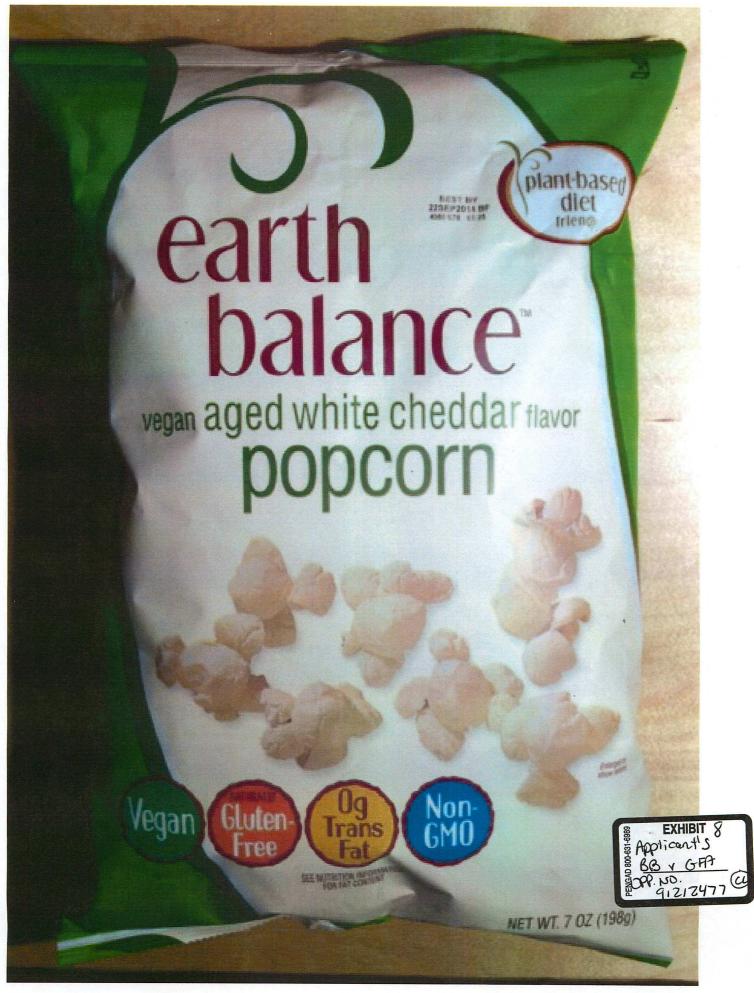
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